

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Miller, on February 18, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Mike Miller, Chair (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kathleen Williams, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. Ed Lieser (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)  
Rep. Nancy Wilson (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)  
Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Megan Moore, Legislative Branch  
Erica Siate, Committee Secretary  
Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 404, 2/11/2015; HB 440, 2/11/2015

00:00:00 Chair Miller

**HEARING ON HB 404**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:40 Rep. Art Wittich (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 404, Provide income tax credit for engineering and science tuition.

00:03:22 Rep. Olszewski entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:48 Dustin Stewart, Executive Director, Montana Building Industry Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:10:09 Mike Kadas, Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:12:03 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:55 Rep. White

00:13:56 Rep. Wittich

00:15:17 Rep. White

00:15:44 Rep. Cook

00:16:14 Rep. Wittich

00:17:24 Rep. Cook

00:18:10 Rep. Wittich

00:20:05 Rep. Wilson

00:21:14 Rep. Wittich

00:22:41 Rep. Williams

00:23:03 Rep. Wittich

00:23:33 Rep. Williams

00:23:56 Rep. Wittich

00:24:09 Rep. Williams

00:24:59 Rep. Wittich

00:25:55 Rep. Hertz

00:26:21 Rep. Wittich

00:26:41 Chair Miller

00:27:20 Mike Kadas, DOR

00:28:28 Rep. Dunwell

00:29:18 Rep. Wittich

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:30:43 Rep. Wittich

00:30:53 Chair Miller

**HEARING ON HB 440**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:31:12 Rep. George Kipp (D), HD 15, opened the hearing on HB 440, Revise oil pipeline and labor laws.

**EXHIBIT(tah37a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:40:28 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 44

00:41:39 John Forkan, Montana State Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters

00:42:34 Dwight Rose, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 233

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:43:10 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:46:27 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties

**Informational Testimony:**

00:49:21 Mark Cadwallader, Staff Attorney, Department of Labor & Industry

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:50:26 Rep. Dunwell

00:52:20 Rep. Kipp III

00:53:38 Rep. Dunwell

00:54:08 Rep. Kipp III

00:54:41 Rep. Lieser

00:55:43 Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties

00:56:37 Rep. Williams

00:58:19 Dan Flynn, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 44

00:59:17 Rep. Williams

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:59:49 Rep. Kipp III

01:08:11 Chair Miller

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:09:13

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Erica Siate, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah37aad.pdf](#))